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New West Point Commandant Named

WASHINGTON—President John F. Kennedy has named Col. Richard G. Stilwell as commandant of cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point, it was reported by the Associated Press today.

Col. Stilwell, who was nominated to the temporary rank of brigadier general on Feb. 6, will assume command in July at the military academy. He will succeed the present commandant, Brig. Gen. Charles W. G. Rich, who will be reassigned.

A graduate of the United States Military Academy's Class of 1938, Col. Stilwell served in World War II as commander of the 315th Engineer Battalion, Plans and Operations Officer of the 90th Infantry Division, and training officer of the 12th Army Corps.

In the postwar period he was on the staff of the Secretary of State during the Four Power treaty negotiations from 1947 to 1949 and was military advisor to the U. S. Ambassador in Italy. He was later detailed to the staff of the Central Intelligence Agency in the Far East. During the Korean War he was with the 15th Infantry Regiment in that campaign and later was senior advisor to the Republic of Korea Army Corps. Before coming to West Point last year he saw service in Supreme Headquarters for the Allied Powers in Europe.

At present, Col. Stilwell is commanding officer for the Second Regiment, Corps of Cadets at West Point.

Gen. Rich, who is a member of the Class of 1935 at West Point,



COL. RICHARD STILWELL

assumed the commandant's post in September 1959. Prior to that he had been assistant divisional commander of the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky.